

Title: K-theoretic Donaldson-Thomas theory and the Hilbert scheme of points on a surface

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Abstract: Integrals of characteristic classes of tautological sheaves on the Hilbert scheme of points on a surface often arise in enumerative problems. We explain how to use the K-theoretic Donaldson-Thomas theory of toric Calabi-Yau threefolds to study K-theoretic versions of such expressions.

Namely, we explicate a precise relationship between K-theoretic Donaldson-Thomas theory and the refined topological vertex of Iqbal, Kos̃şaz and Vafa. Applying such results to specific toric threefolds, we deduce dualities satisfied by certain generating series that control integrals over the Hilbert scheme of points on a surface. We then explain how to use these dualities to evaluate certain Euler characteristics of tautological bundles on the Hilbert scheme of points on a general surface.

K-theoretic DT invariants  
+  
Hilb(S)

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(quasi)  
S - sm proj surface / C  
 $S^{(n)} = \left\{ Z \subset S \mid \begin{array}{l} \dim Z = 0 \\ \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^0(\mathcal{O}_Z) = n \end{array} \right\}$   
 Smooth, projective, of dimension n

$\mathcal{L}$  on  $S \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{L}^{(n)}$  on  $S^{(n)}$   
 line bundle                  rkn bundle  
 over  $Z \in S^{(n)}$   
 fiber of  $\mathcal{L}^{(n)}$  is  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_Z \otimes \mathcal{L})$

$S_{an}(\mathcal{L}^{(n)}) \rightarrow \text{Conj of Lehn}$   
 $\mathcal{L}^{(n)} \rightarrow \text{proved by Marini-Oprea-Pandharipande-Voisin}$



$S^{(n)}$

# Ellingsrud - Göttsche - Lehn

Given a series

$$\sum q^n \int_{S^{(n)}} S_{2n}(Y^{(n)})$$

or more generally

$$(*) \sum q^n \int_{S^{(n)}} \overline{\Phi}_1(Y^{(n)}) \overline{\Phi}_2(TS^{(n)})$$

mult char. class

Such integrals are given by universal series

of Lehn  
by  
- Quine-Rudert  
is in

There exist  $A_{\mathbb{F}}(q), B_{\mathbb{F}}, C_{\mathbb{F}}, D_{\mathbb{F}}$   
(that don't depend on  $S, L$ )  
such that

$$(*) = A_{\mathbb{F}}(q) B_{\mathbb{F}}(q) C_{\mathbb{F}}(q) D_{\mathbb{F}}(q)$$

$S$



Ellingsrud - Göttsche - Lehn

Given a series

$$\sum q^n \left( \sum_{S \subset L} S_{\text{an}}(Y^{cn}) \right)$$

or equivalently

$$(\star) \leq q^n \left( \Phi_1(Y^{cn}) \Phi_2(TS^{cn}) \right)$$

characters,  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$  are given by universal

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 are determined by its values for  $S$  toric

Use equiv localization.



Atsche-Lehn  
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$S_{\text{an}}(\mathbb{C}^n)$

generally

$\mathbb{C}^n$

$S = \mathbb{C}^n$

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Use equiv localization: Suppose  $T_0 \hookrightarrow S$

$$\coprod_{h \in \mathbb{Z}_0} (g^{\mathbb{C}^n})^{T_0} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{C}(S, T_0)} ((\mathbb{C}^n)^{g^{\mathbb{C}^n}})^{g^{\mathbb{C}^n}}$$

tangent bundles, topological bundles also  
behave well

So, it suffices to  
compute an  
equiv version of

$$(\star) \text{ when } S = \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}(2)$$

$(\mathbb{C}^n)^2$ -character



Applying equiv't localization:

$$(\mathbb{C}^n)^T \leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{monomial ideals} \\ \text{in } \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2] \\ \text{of codimension } n \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \lambda \vdash n \right\} T = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Character

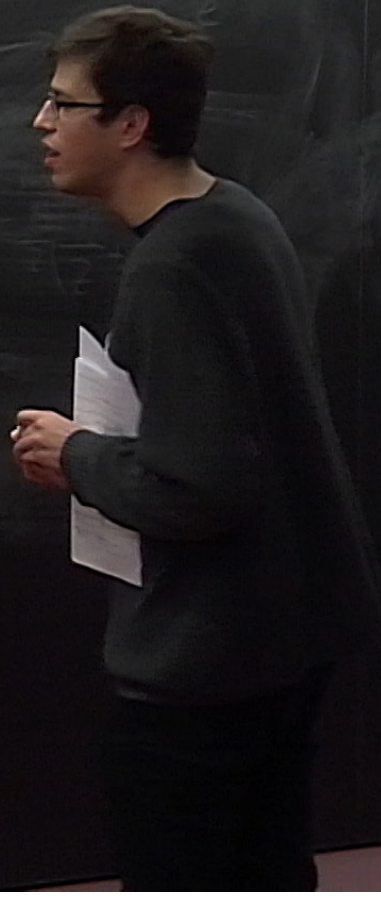
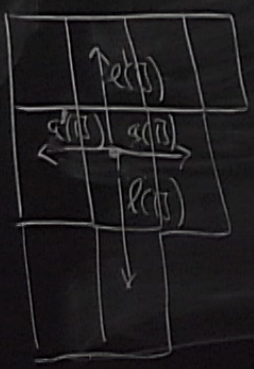
$$Z_\lambda = \sum_{\mu \in \lambda} \chi_\mu$$

check

$$(\mathbb{C}^n)^T_{Z_\lambda} = \sum_{\mu \in \lambda} \chi_\mu$$

$$\binom{l(\pi)}{t_1} \binom{-l(\pi)-1}{t_2} + \binom{-l(\pi)-1}{t_1} \binom{a(\pi)}{t_2}$$

$$\sum_{\mu \in \lambda} \chi_\mu \binom{-l(\pi)}{t_1} \binom{-a(\pi)}{t_2}$$





Can write cases  $\star$  purely in terms of  
Combinatorics:

$$= \binom{t_1}{t_2} \text{ eg: } \sum_{i,j,n \geq 0} q^{i+j} x^{(i^2)} \Lambda^i(\theta(w)^{(n)}) \otimes \text{Sym}_n^j(\theta(w)^{(n)})$$

$$= \sum_{\lambda} q^{|\lambda|} \frac{1}{\prod_{w \in \lambda} (1-w^{-1})} \prod_{v \in \theta(\lambda)} \frac{1-mv}{1-yv}$$

$x^{i^2} = e^{i^2}$

$x = e^{\theta}$

$\lambda = \dots$



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eg:  $\sum_{i,j,n \geq 0} q^{i+j} \chi(C^{i,j,n})$ ,  $\Lambda^i(\theta(w)^{(n)})$  &  $Sym^j(\theta(w)^{(n)})$

$$= \sum_{\lambda} q^{|\lambda|} \frac{1}{\prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_+} (1-w^{-i})} \prod_{\nu \in \theta(\lambda)} \frac{1-y\nu}{1-y\nu}$$

For arbitrary  $\Phi$  this could be intractable.  
 For particular choices of  $\Phi$  some nice structure emerges.



Set

$$F(q, m_1, m_2, y, (t_1, t_2))$$

suppress  
form notation

$$\left\langle \begin{matrix} (-q) \binom{n}{m_1} \binom{m_1}{m_2} \binom{m_2}{j} \chi(\mathcal{O}^{\otimes j}) \\ \Lambda^i(\mathcal{O}^{\otimes m_1}) \otimes \Lambda^i(\mathcal{O}^{\otimes m_2}) \\ \text{Sym}^j \mathcal{O}^{\otimes m_1} \otimes \det(\mathcal{O}^{\otimes m_2}) \end{matrix} \right\rangle$$

$$(n, m_1, m_2, j)$$

line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $S \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}$  on  $S^{\otimes n}$   
 rank bundle  
 over  $Z \in S^{\otimes n}$   
 fiber of  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_Z \otimes \mathcal{L})$

$S^{\otimes n}(\mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}) \rightarrow$  Conj of Lehn  
 $S^{\otimes n} \rightarrow$  posed by Marin-Opuc-Pandharipande  
 Voisin

Elliptic  
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$$(\star) \leq q$$

Such



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$$F(q, m_1, m_2, y, t_1, t_2)$$

$$\sum_{n, i_1, i_2, j} \binom{n}{m_1, m_2} y^{i_1} x^{i_2} \left( \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(i_j) \right) \otimes \Lambda^{i_1}(\mathcal{O}^{(n)}) \otimes \Lambda^{i_2}(\mathcal{O}^{(n)})$$

suppresses from notation

$$\frac{\sum_{\lambda} \prod_{w \in T_\lambda} (1-w^{-1}) \prod_{v \in \mathcal{O}^{(n)}} (1-m_1 v^{-1})(1-m_2 v)}{y^{-n-1}}$$

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Thm:

$$\frac{F(q, m_1, m_2, y)}{F(q, m_1, m_2, 0)} = \frac{F(q, m_2, m_1, y)}{F(q, m_2, m_1, 0)}$$

$$= \frac{F(y, m_2, m_1, q)}{F(y, m_2, m_1, 0)}$$

Prop:

$$F(q, m_2, m_1, 0) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n (1-m_1^n)}{(1-q^n)(1-t^n)}\right)$$

$$= S^0\left(\frac{q(1-m_1)}{(1-t^2)(1-t^2)}\right)$$

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Proof

$$F(q, m_2, m_3, 0) = \exp\left(\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^n (1 - m_2^n)}{(1 - q^n)(1 - q^{2n})}\right)$$

$$= S^0\left(\frac{q(1 - m_2)}{(1 - q^2)(1 - q^4)}\right)$$

Application:

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} q^n \chi(S^{(n)}, \text{Sym}^2 \mathcal{L}^{(n)})$$

want to understand terms of  $q$ -deg  $\leq 2$

$$\sum_{\lambda} q^{|\lambda|} \prod_{i \in \text{set } \lambda} \frac{1}{(1 - q^{2i})}$$

every partition  $\lambda$  of  $q$ -deg  $\leq 2$  could contribute terms

So, it suffices to compute an explicit version of  $(*)$  when  $S = \mathbb{C}^2$   
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prefactor

$$\sum_{\lambda} \frac{q^{|\lambda|}}{\prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^+} (1 - q^i)^{m_i}}$$

only have to work with  $|\lambda| \leq 2$

$$\frac{q^n (1 - m_1^n)}{(1 - q^n)(1 - q^{2n})}$$

on with 1  
 $\leftrightarrow$  of monomial in  $\mathbb{C}[x, y]$   
of colength  $(2, 1)$   
 $\leftarrow$   $\leftarrow$



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$$\sum_{\lambda} \frac{q^{|\lambda|}}{z(\lambda-w^{-1})} \prod \frac{1}{1-q^u}$$

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$$\chi(S^{(n)}, \text{Sym}^2 p^{(n)}) = \binom{\chi(0s) + n - 3}{n-1} \chi(p^{(2)}) + \binom{\chi(0s) + n - 3}{n-2} \binom{\chi(0s) + 1}{2}$$

For arbitrary  $n, k$   $\chi(S^{(n)}, \text{Sym}^k p^{(n)})$  seem to have no concise expression

But: when  $\chi(0s) = 1$ , and  $n \geq k$ ,

$$\chi(S^{(n)}, \text{Sym}^k p^{(n)}) = \binom{\chi(0s) + k - 1}{k}$$

Can write using Combinatorics

eg:  $\sum_{i,j, n \geq 0} q^{i+j} \binom{n}{i, j}$

$$= \sum_{i,j} q^{i+j} \binom{n}{i, j}$$

For arbitrary

For particular cases



# Strategy:

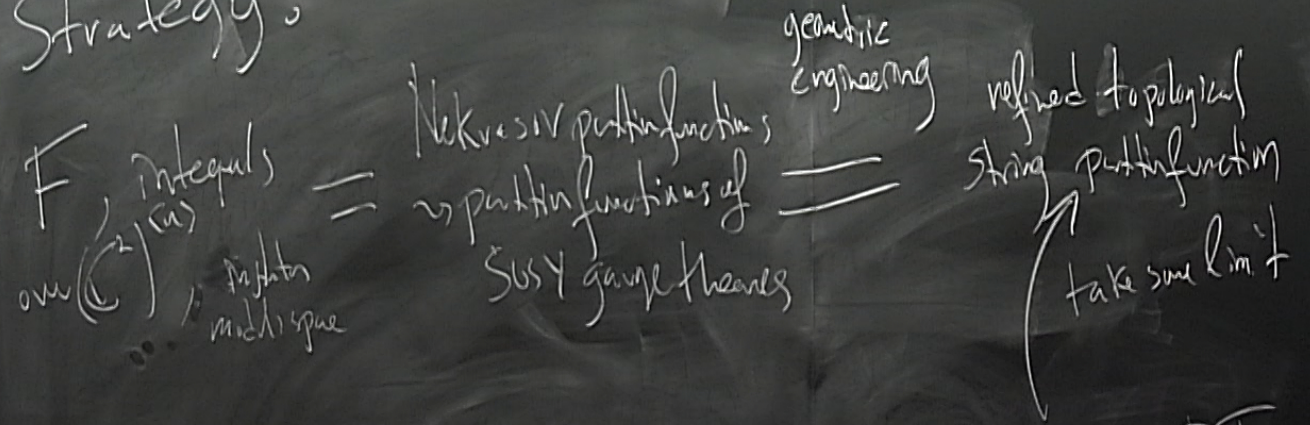
$$\int_{\text{over } \mathbb{C}^2} F, \text{ integrals} = \text{Nekrasov partition functions} \stackrel{\text{geometric engineering}}{=} \text{partition functions of SUSY gauge theories} = \text{refined topological string partition function}$$

infinite moduli space

take some limit  
K-theoretic DT partition



# Strategy:



$\hbar$ -theoretic DT partition function of certain toric CY 3-folds.



X-toric CY 3-fold,  $T \curvearrowright X$

such that

weight of  $\Omega_X$  is  $(t_1, t_2, t_3)$

$$DT(X) = \text{Hilb}(X, \text{curves})$$

$$= \bigsqcup_{\beta, n} \text{Hilb}(X, \beta, n)$$

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$$\text{Symmetry} \Rightarrow \text{Def} = (\text{Obs})^* \otimes (t_1, t_2, t_3)$$



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$$\begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ t_1 & t_2 & t_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

DT(X) =  $\mathbb{Z}[X, \text{curves}]$

$$= \bigoplus_{\substack{d \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \langle d, \nu_i \rangle = n}} \mathbb{Z} \langle \sigma \rangle$$

Hilb

$$\mathbb{A}^1 = \mathbb{C} \setminus X \subset X \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \dim X = 1 \\ [Y] = \mathbb{Z} \\ \chi(\mathcal{O}_Y) = n \end{array} \right\}$$

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Def:  $\mathbb{Z}DT(X)$

$$= \sum_{\mathbb{P}^n} Q_{\text{vir}}^n \chi(\text{Hilb}(X, \mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}^{\text{vir}} \otimes (K^{\text{vir}})^{1/2})$$

understood via equivariant localization

If  $Y \in (DT(X))^T$

can write  $T^{\text{vir}} Y = \sum a_i^! - b_i^!$   
 where  $a_i^! b_i^! = t_1 t_2 t_3$

$n \geq 0$   
 want to understand of  $\sum q^i |X|$   
 $\prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 - q^i)$   
 every pattern  $\lambda$  of  $q$ -degree  $\leq 2$



$$Z_{DT(X)} = \sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{P}^n} Q^{\beta} \chi(\text{Hilb}(X, \beta, n), \mathcal{O}^{\text{vir}} \otimes (k^{\text{vir}})^{\beta/2})$$

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 where  $a_i^Y, b_i^Y = \int \text{tr} \tau_i$

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$\chi(S^{(n)}, S$   
 eq  
 For arbitrary  
 con  
 But: whe  
 $\chi(S$



$$DT(X) \leq \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{P}_n} Q_{\mathcal{U}}^{\beta} \chi(\text{Hilb}(X, \beta, n), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}^{\otimes k^{1/2}})$$

understood via localization  
 $\chi \in (DT)$   
 can write  $\leq a_i - b_i$   
 taking

$$Z_{DT}(X) = \sum_{Y \in DT(X)^T} Q_{\mathcal{U}}^{\chi(Y)} \prod_i \frac{(b_i)^{1/2} - (b_i)^{-1/2}}{(a_i)^{1/2} - (a_i)^{-1/2}}$$

$DT(X)^T \leftrightarrow$  configurations of 3d points along the 4-skeleton of  $\Delta(X)$



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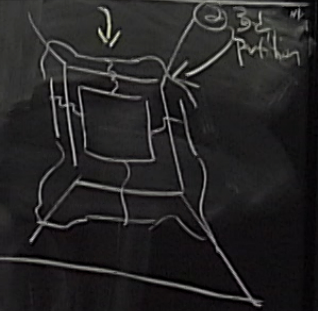
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$(DT(X))^T \longleftrightarrow$

configurations of  
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① 2d partition



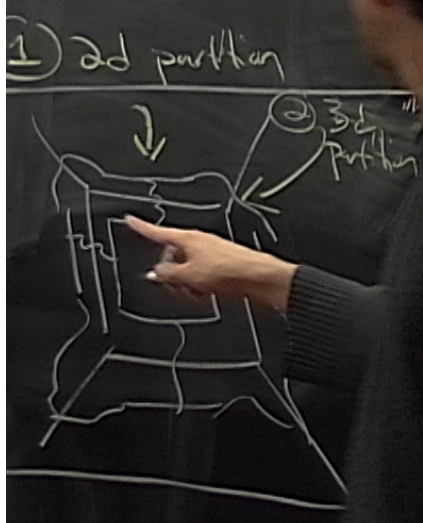
$Z_{DT}(X)$



$$\frac{(b_i)^{-1/2}}{(a_i)^{-1/2}}$$

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 from  $\rightarrow$  edges  
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Strategy:  
 $F$  integrals  
 over  $(\mathbb{C}^2)^n$  partitions  
 mod space

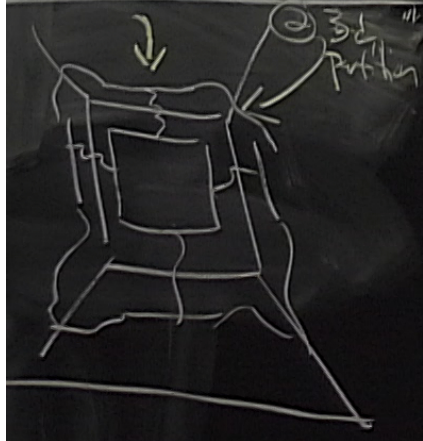




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 $V(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$

In general  $V(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  is a complicated function of  $\lambda, \mu, \nu$   
 $(Q, t_1, t_2, t_3, (t_1 t_2 t_3))$

However, the symmetry of  $(*)$  implies that indiv. one parameter subgroups  $\sigma: \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow (T_1) \times T_2$   
 $\parallel$   
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geometric engineering

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refined topological vertex

Prop: the behavior of the limit  $Z_{DT}(X)^\sigma$  depend on the geometry of curves in  $X$ .

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Then  $Z_{DT}(X)^{\sigma_1} = Z_{DT}(X)^{\sigma_2}$

Applying this to





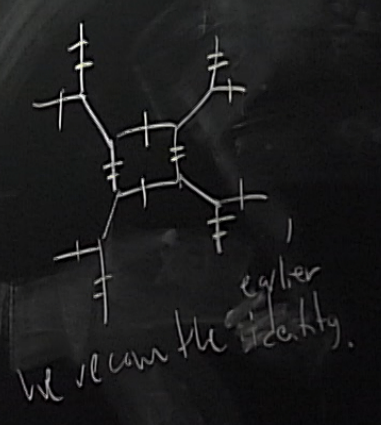
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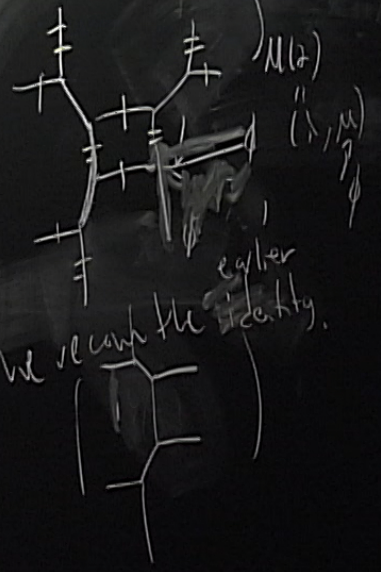
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we recover the identity